

City of Northampton Massachusetts

In City Council May 19, 2016

Upon the recommendation of Mayor David J. Narkewicz

16.082

AN ORDER

Authorize Look Park to apply for a PARC grant and authorize related borrowing

Ordered, that:

An order to file and accept grants with and from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs for the Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations program for improvements to Look Memorial Park

WHEREAS: Look Memorial Park is a city and region-wide asset and park improvements are consistent with the priority for recreation improvements and heritage landscape preservation in the **Northampton Open Space, Recreation and Multiuse Trail Plan: 2011-2018**;

WHEREAS: Look Memorial Park was deeded to the City of Northampton, under the management of a Board of Trustees, with the condition that it "shall be used forever as a park and for no other purpose," thereby consistent with Article 97 of the Amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution: and

WHEREAS: Planned Look Memorial Park improvements to their fountain, water spray park and bathrooms and related energy and water efficiency improvements will enhance the recreation experience; and

WHEREAS: The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) is offering reimbursable grants to cities and towns to support the preservation and restoration of urban parks through the Parklands Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities Grant (PARC) program (301 CMR 5.00); The PARC is a reimbursement program which requires that the City demonstrate that it has all of the funds necessary to improve park properties prior to state reimbursement; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,

That City Council appropriates and authorizes the City Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, to borrow \$625,000, over 15 years, under M.G.L. c.44B, §11, M.G.L c.44 §8C, or any other enabling authority, for the purpose of improvement of public parks and playgrounds on said property, and the Mayor be authorized to file on behalf of the City of Northampton any and all applications deemed necessary for grants and /or reimbursements from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts deemed necessary under the PARC Act (Chapter 933 Acts of 1977, as amended) and/or any others in any way connected with the scope of this Article, and the Mayor be authorized to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the City of Northampton to effect said renovation.

And that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to take such other actions as are necessary to carry out the terms, purposes, and conditions of this grant.